



The Heritage

Heritage Chapter Bluebills
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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



We may all be ageing but we can always add a little contentment to the lives of others. I was very impressed by the number of Bluebills who attended the memorial service for Ruth (Bambi) Lee on March 24. The strong support from Bambi's fellow retirees seemed to give Jim and his family a sense of how much Bambi meant to us and the greater community.

Thank you to all who attended this beautiful service.

Why Volunteer?

It goes beyond helping our community. We help ourselves by making us more relevant. Simply put, volunteering gives us a reason to get out of bed and to live our lives more fully. Also, it makes us better informed, we make new friends, reunite with old friends and co-workers, and stimulate those friendships through our Friday monthly meetings, picnic, luncheons and other activities. We also have fun while we are doing good for our community.

We are getting older and new members are very hard to come by. We need to find new methods of recruiting Boeing retirees since Boeing cannot provide us with information on any new retirees. This is something that needs to be worked out soon or we will just gradually fade away. I would like to say that we have added several new Bluebills to our membership in the past few months and we welcome them. Let's continue to spread the word about Bluebills. It works!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Easter.



Volunteer Opportunities

The **Renton History Museum** is always in need of new volunteers to help maintain and expand their current offerings to the public. They currently have the following volunteer opportunities available.

- Greeters: Be the face of the museum and greet visitors.
- Docents: Share your knowledge and lead tours.
- Board Members: Help guide the museum and shape its' future.

In addition, many more opportunities can be viewed on their website – rentonhistory.org.

For more information please contact:

Kim Owens, Public Engagement Coordinator
 235 Mill Ave. South
 Renton, Wash. 98057
 Phone: 425-255-2330
 e-mail: kowens@rentonwa.gov

The **Special Olympics USA Games 2018** will be held in Seattle between June 29 and July 7, 2018. They are looking for volunteers to help with medical and security support for the USA games. Those volunteers will need to have appropriate medical credentials and have completed several FEMA Incident Command System classes (available on-line). Additionally, USA Games needs general volunteers to help with all of the other aspects of the event. One unique volunteer opportunity is to be a “fan in the stands” for events covered by ESPN. To volunteer go to the USA Games site: <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/volunteer/>

Office Volunteer Opportunities

Heritage Chapter urgently needs a Bluebill volunteer to fill the following position:

Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for using the Bluebills database to find Bluebills who will fill incoming requests for volunteers. Those whose names are selected to receive information on these volunteer opportunities are taken from the files according to their interests, skills, and the location of the need. After notification has gone out to the members, the agency is contacted asking for a "follow-up". This is an important position and if you are interested other Bluebills working in the office will give you help and support



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

On March 24th we said goodbye to Bambi Lee at a lovely church service. She led the Busy B's for many years and inspired us with her creative talents. She will be missed! She hadn't been feeling well for quite a while but was hoping to come in to finish a quilt she was working on. We will finish it for her and give it to Child Haven, her favorite recipient of her quilts.

We received a lovely gift of 19 baby quilts from **Bonnie Stenzel**, a friend of **Lisa Nyreen's**. They are adorable and we will find good homes for them.

We have a good team for our medical doll projects and they are so appreciated.



Linda Stevens faithfully makes 20 dolls each month. **Lisa Nyreen** makes cute hospital gowns for them and **Oscar Olague** delivers them to Children's Hospital. My part is very minimal. I supply the materials to Linda, dress the dolls and give them to Oscar. The children at the hospital are shown on the doll where a procedure will be done. They can put a face on the doll and take it home with them at the end of their stay. Pictured are a

few of the dolls.

Joyce Hassler is recovering from a fall where she broke her shoulder. She will be "out of commission" for a few months and is residing at Brookdale Foundation in Federal Way for rehab.

Happy Spring!

Memorial Services for Ruth (Bambi) Lee



A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Federal Way, for Ruth A. (Bambi) Lee who passed away on March 11, 2018. Ap-

proximately twenty-five Bluebills attended the services. Bambi was responsible for founding the Busy B's sewing group in Bluebills many years ago. She and her husband, Jim, were also awarded the Heritage Chapter Volunteer of the Year award in 2006. We will miss her very much.

Boeing Gift Matching for Retirees

"Retirees are eligible to request a gift match for monetary donations, which may be matched at 50% (50 cents for every dollar contributed). There are no changes to the retiree maximum gift match limit. Currently, retirees are not eligible to receive gift match for volunteer hours."

March Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri



Chairman Richard Vaughn began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. First, he welcomed several returning Bluebills not seen for awhile: **Donna Crueger**, sister of **Maybelle Brickley**, a well-known, much loved member who passed a few years ago, **Fred Struck**,

Mafalda Bosworth and **Ben Sakamoto**. March was a big month for **birthdays**: **Pat Archer**, **Karen Baker**, **Heinz Gehlhaar**, **Doug Hoople**, **Margaret Stone** and **Richard Vaughn**. **Karen and Bill Baker** also celebrate their **55th wedding anniversary**.

Oscar Olague reported he delivered 40 medical dolls, two quilts and eight blankets to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance on behalf of the Busy Bs. He also acknowledged the efforts of **Karen Baker**, **Dessie Olague** and **Mary Ulibarri** for their continuing efforts to prepare 60 Easter bags he delivered for the children at Fred Hutchinson School and Childlife.

Oscar passed around a sympathy card to sign for **Zip Zuther** who recently lost his wife. For those who would like to contact Zip, his mailing address is:

Covenant Shores
9150 Fortuna Drive
Bldg. #6, Rm. #219
Mercer Island, WA 98040-3143

Richard mentioned the lovely memorial for **Ruth “Bambi” Lee** at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Federal Way on March 22nd. **Jim Lee** was so pleased to see so many Bluebills and thanked everyone for their support. Bambi was instrumental in starting the Busy Bs group.

Richard talked about the request for assistance received in the office from a woman needing State approval to adopt her six-month old granddaughter. In order for that to happen, several home improvements needed to occur. He stepped in and has spent a couple of days painting the child’s bedroom, replacing the carpet with new flooring and also bathroom improvements. He has almost completed the job. Way to go, Richard, well

done.

Also of note were two of our members who have fallen and suffered injuries, mainly broken shoulders.



First is **Bob Lambert**, who celebrated his **90th birthday** three weeks ago. He was so pleased for the great gift he was given at that time from the Bluebill members – a commemorative “brick” acknowledging his military service, as well as efforts on behalf of Boeing and the Bluebills, which will be hung at the SeaTac Airport USO. He is recuperating from his fall in a facility that cares for his wife, Chloe, and would love to have visitors (1:00 pm-4:00 pm) and/or cards.

ConMar Adult Family Home
Attn: Bob Lambert
17014 S.E. 14th Lane
Bellevue, WA 98008
Cell phone: 425-301-7240



In addition, one of the dedicated Busy Bs, **Joyce Hassler**, is in a care facility due to her injuries from a fall. Cards and/or visits with her would be nice as well. Help keep our good friends’ spirits up during this difficult time.

Brookdale Foundation House
Attn: Joyce Hassler
32290 1st Ave. S.
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-838-0908, Rm. #223

Richard also mentioned a couple of events coming up where volunteers are needed. The Renton Historical Museum is looking for greeters, docents,

etc. Check for more information in the newsletter. Other volunteer opportunities coming up in the near future are the Special Olympics June 29-July 7 and the Virginia Mason Golf Tournament. Contact the Bluebills office (206-544-6286) if you would like more information.

Richard asked the members if they wanted to have a potluck at the next meeting and the consensus was overwhelmingly YES. So bring your favorite item to share, including beverages.

Due to illness of the planned speaker, author **Betsy Case** had to cancel her presentation. Hopefully, **Jim Beasley** can reschedule her at a later date.

Richard only had a few days to line up a replacement speaker and did a good job by convincing one of our own Bluebills, **Fred Struck**, to fill us in on the need for volunteers in the Kent School District.

Fred began by talking about the various schools, from elementary to middle, in the area where he has been involved. He spoke of the need for volunteers to help assist in the classrooms, both in a general sense and one-on-one tutoring. Teachers rely on their P.A.s (professional assistants) and volunteers to provide help with various subjects, math being a critical one. At one point Fred got emotional showing his deep commitment to being an advocate for the need of assistance in the classrooms.

As a result of Fred's presentation, the audience took much interest, which opened a lengthy exchange of ideas and experiences with regard to improving the need for volunteer assistance in the schools.

Richard again thanked Fred for stepping in at the last minute to share his experiences in this important community need. He presented Fred with The Boeing Company 100 anniversary commemorative book.

And, last but not least, Richard and the audience recognized and thanked **Dick Beham** for his great work putting together and publishing the monthly newsletter, and **Mary Ulibarri** for her part in recording the meeting minutes. This resulted in a

standing ovation for five minutes!! Well, not really, but remember who is writing this piece.

The meeting was concluded with the door-prize drawing.

Speaker for April Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

The speaker for the April 27 meeting will be **Scott Thomsen from Seattle Light** who will discuss progress on renewable energy including hydro, solar and future projects for reducing CO2.

Special Project *By Richard Vaughn*

The Heritage Chapter recently received a request for help for a South Park resident who needed help preparing for her grandchild to come to live with her. **Richard Vaughn** did the work required which included painting the room and installing a new floor.



Thank you from Bob Lambert

Thank you all for Bob's Best Birthday Ever! Mike said Bob hasn't stopped talking about the joy he feels in having such great friends and family. We also raised just enough funds for his commemorative brick! You are all treasures!

Well...just when you think all is wonderful...Bob fell and broke his shoulder. He is able to use only one arm. Because he has limited use of his legs, he cannot walk with his walker. For the next month or so, he will be staying in the same adult care home as his wife, Chloe.

He is, of course, in good spirits.

Thank you again, everyone!

Patti Linscott

Bob Lambert's 90th Birthday Party

By Lonnie Stevenson & Heinz Gehlhaar

On Saturday March 10th, Bob's family from all over the country, as well as neighbors, friends, and Bluebill friends came together to celebrate the 90th Birthday of one of our Bluebill founders, Col. Robert E Lambert, USAF Retired. Great food, great company and great fun for one of the greats.

Bluebill's gift to Bob: a 'brick' on the Patriot Wall at USONW SeaTac Center, with words honoring Bob and some of his milestones. Also a replica Brick for him to display in his home.

He was moved, as we all were, almost to tears. He love it, a gift he will truly treasure.

Happy 90th Bob. We love you.



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Reminder
Report your Volunteer Hours

By

Email: Bluebills@boeing.com

Or

Phone: 206-544-6286

Or

Mail: To Address on Form

Or

Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



You can get your current monthly "NEWSLETTER in COLOR" at <http://www.bluebills.org/heritagenewsletters.html>

Back issues are available there also, in the [Archives](#).

The Boeing Company recently changed the mail code for the Bluebills office. Please use the following address for all future correspondence to Bluebills or your mail will not reach us.

Bluebills
The Boeing Company
PO Box 3707, MC: 1K-B02
Seattle, WA 98124-2207

Calendar of Events 2018

Jan 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug (TBD)	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct/Nov (TBD)	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2018

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Jim Orchekowsky

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

April 27, 2018



— Pot Luck —

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon Meeting

Speaker: John Thomsen, Seattle City Light

Subject: “Renewable Energy & Future Projects for Reducing CO².”

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ **Hours worked** _____ **For** _____
(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

From the **north** take 405 S
 Bronson Way. Keep right
 and continue on S 2nd St. to
 Williams Ave S. Turn left
 onto Williams Ave S and turn
 right onto 5th St. Go one
 block and turn right onto
 Burnett Ave S to VFW.
 From the **south** go north on
 Highway 405 to Exit 2 Hwy
 167 Rainier Ave S. Go
 north to S Grady Way. Turn
 right on S Grady Way to
 Talbot Rd (3rd light) turn
 left on Talbot Rd. One block
 turn right on 7th St and then
 left on Burnett Ave S. Con-
 tinue three blocks to VFW.

